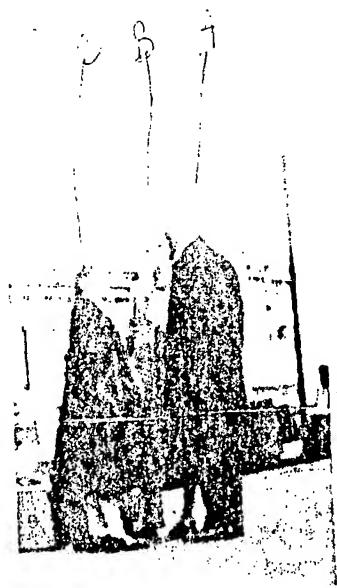




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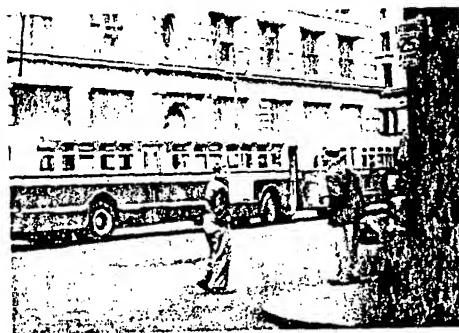
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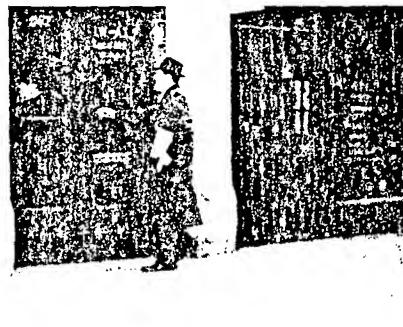
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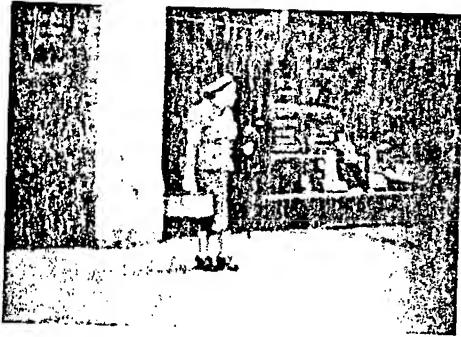
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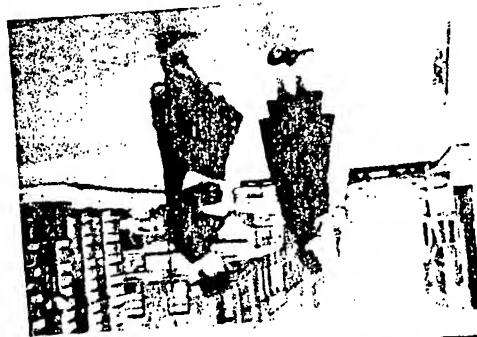
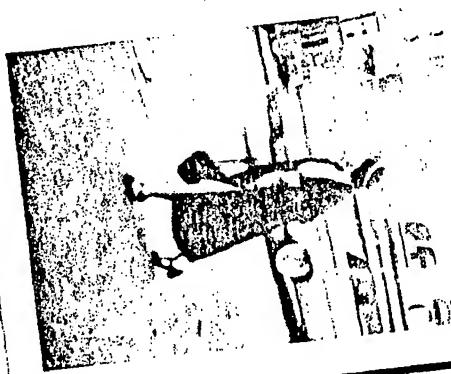
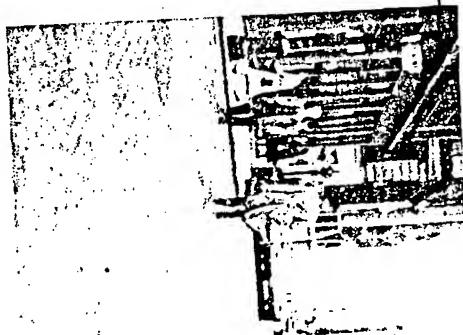
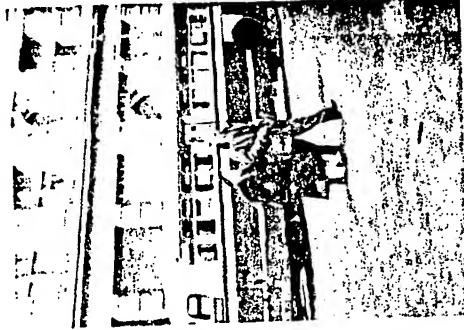


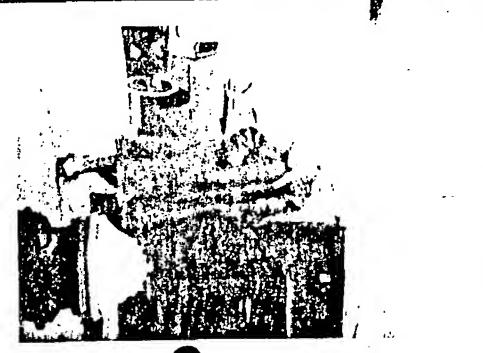
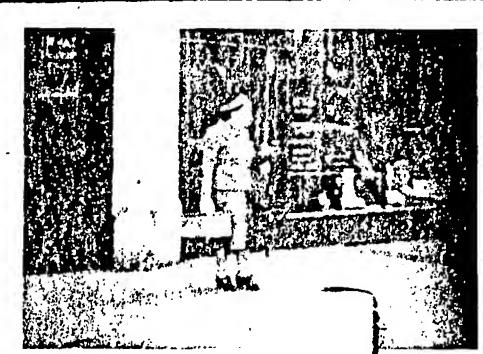
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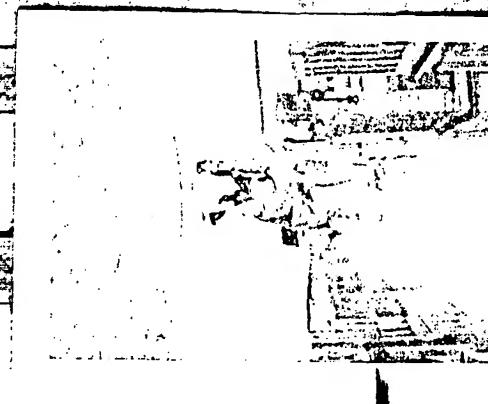
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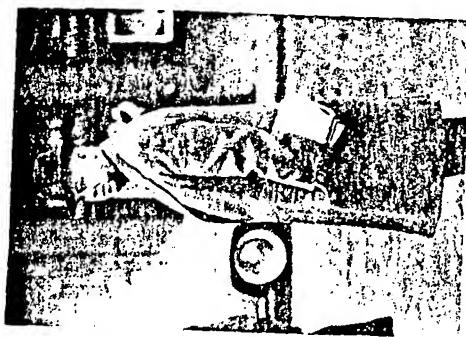
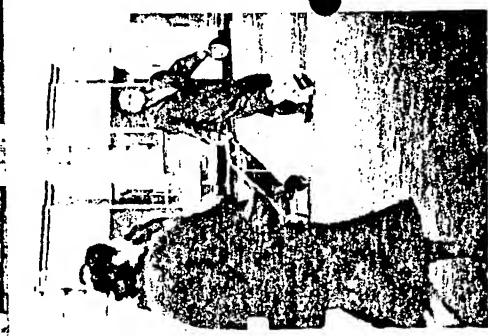


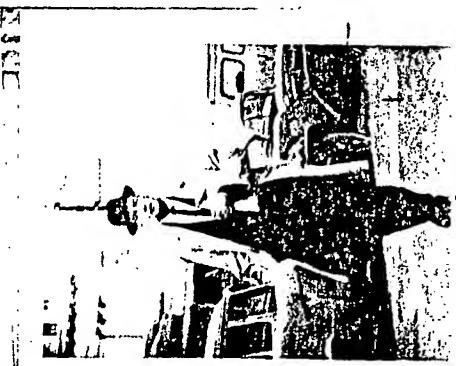
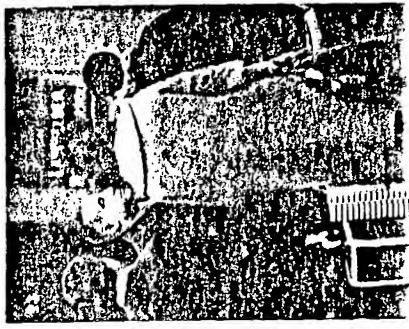
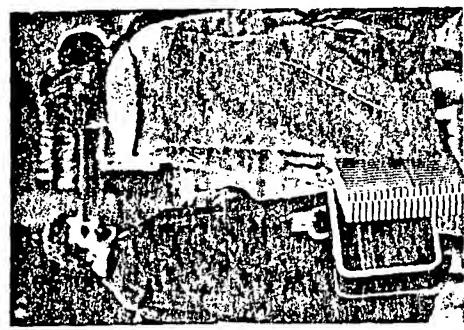
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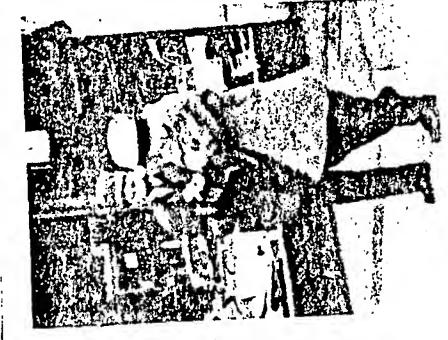
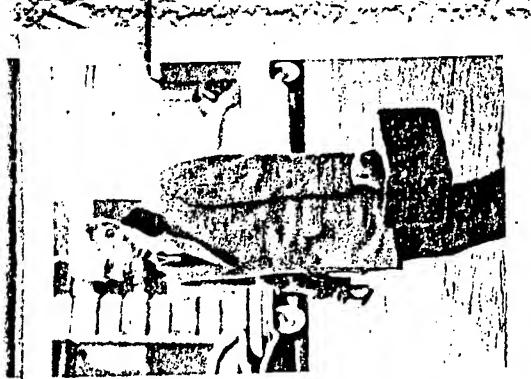
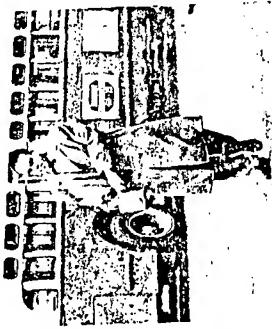
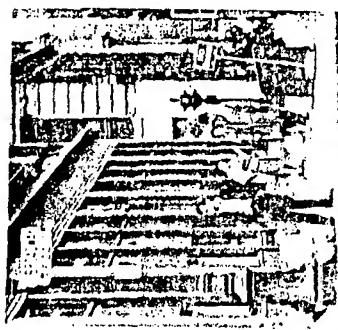


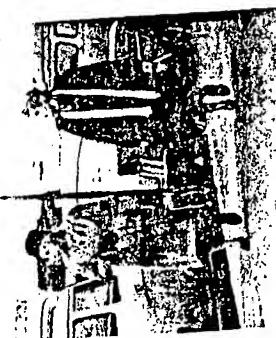
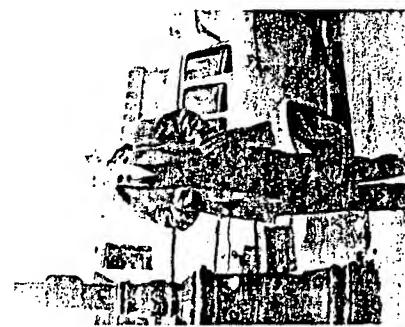
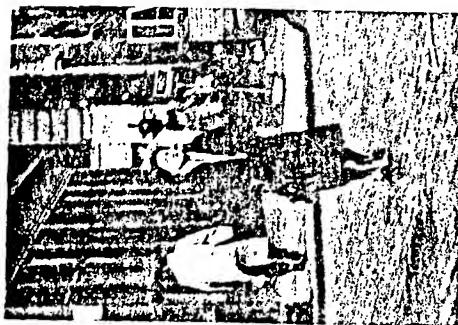
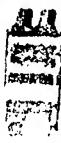


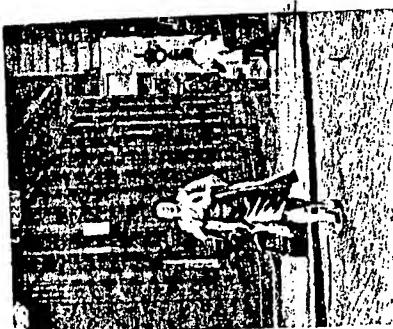
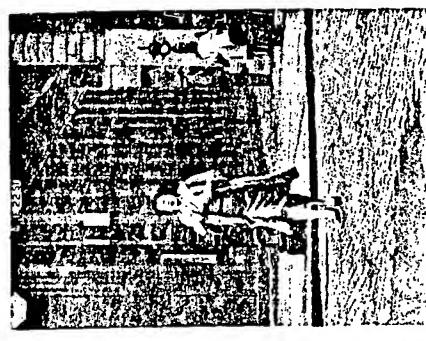
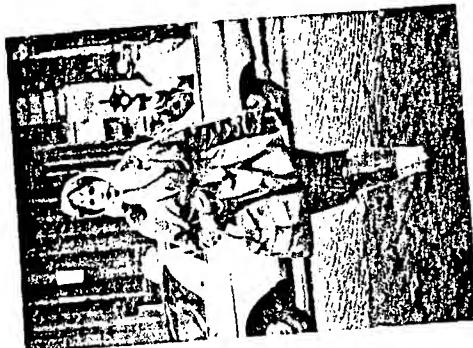
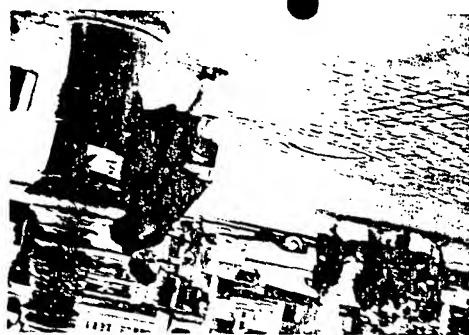


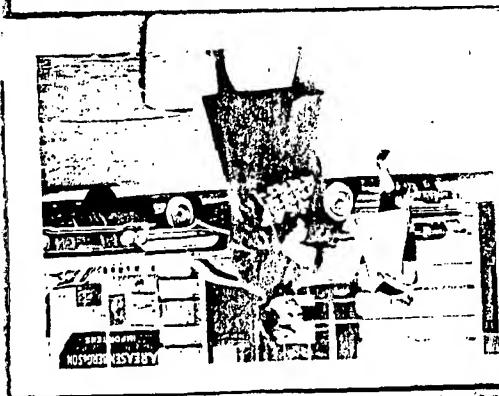
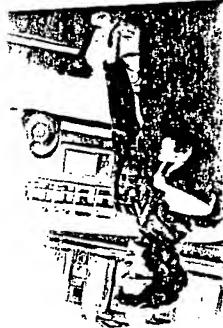
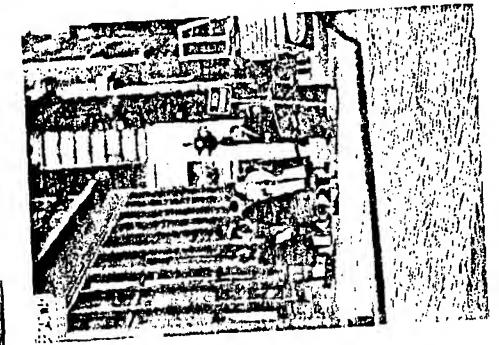
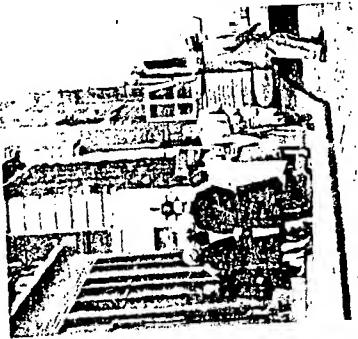
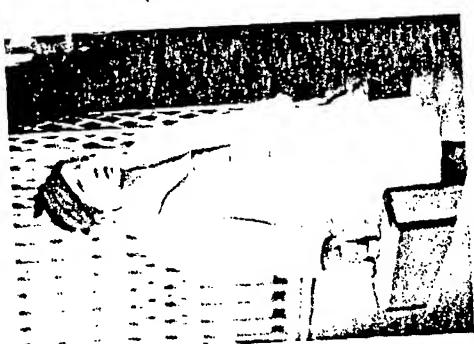


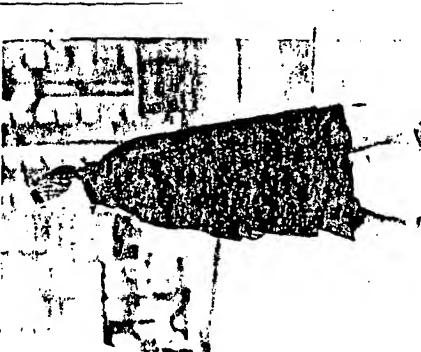
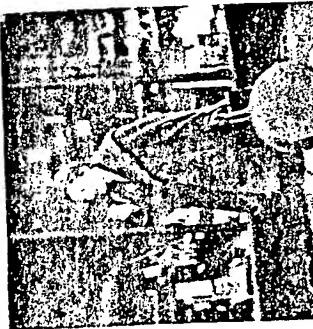
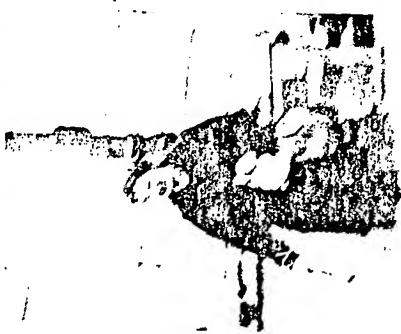
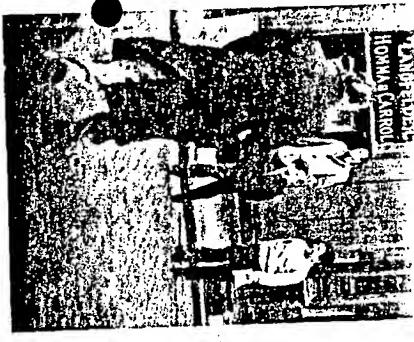
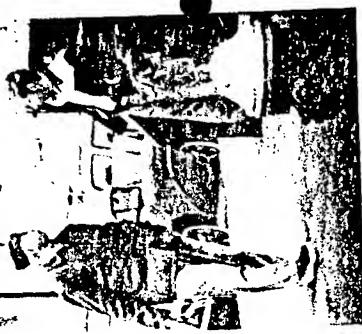




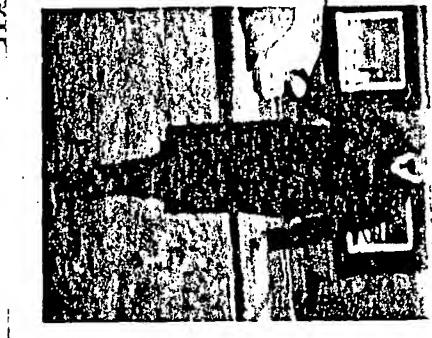
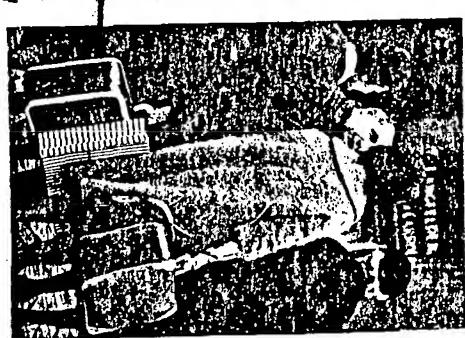
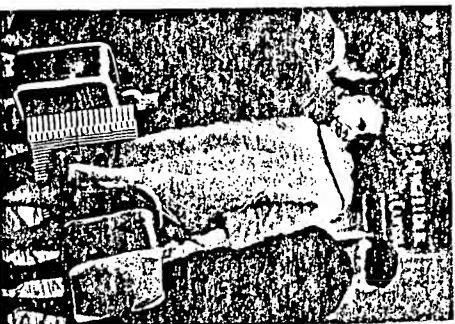
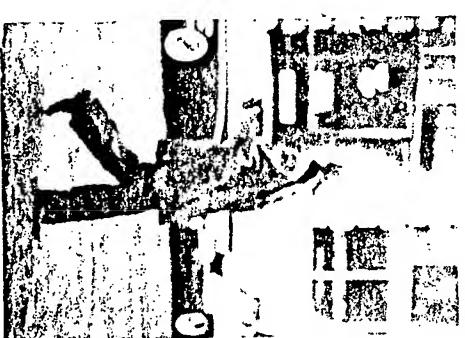
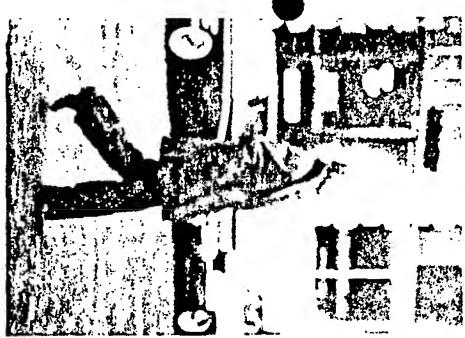


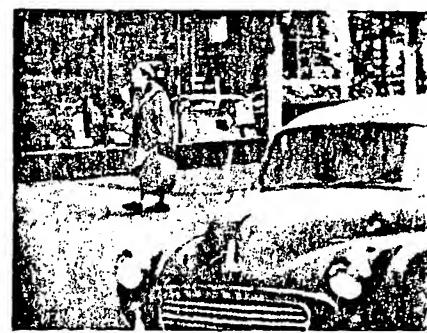
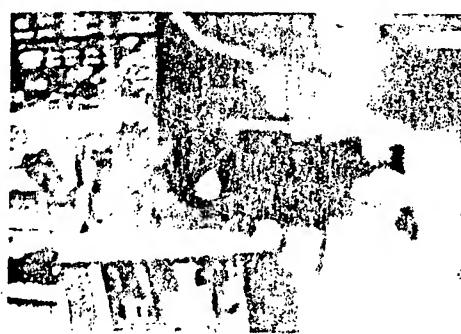


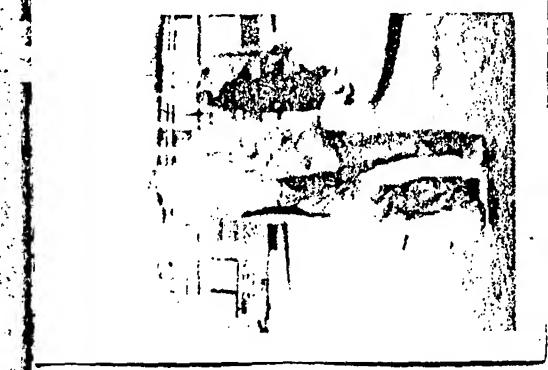
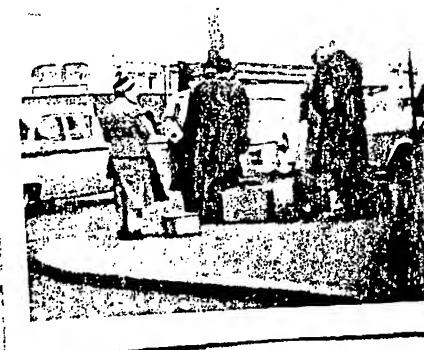
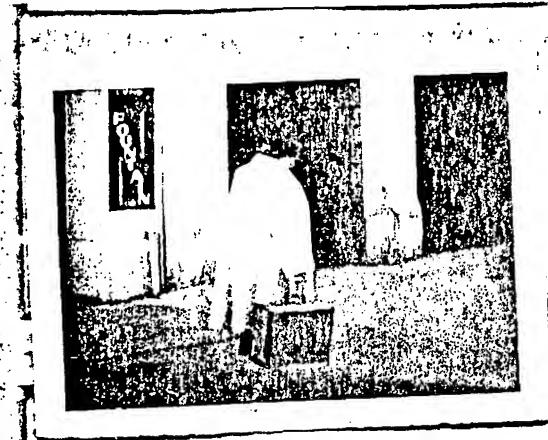
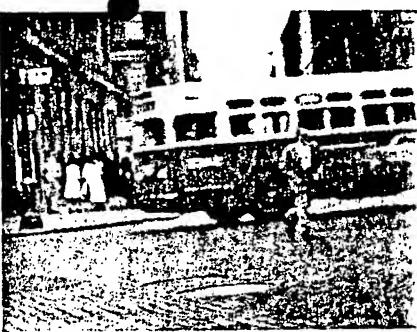




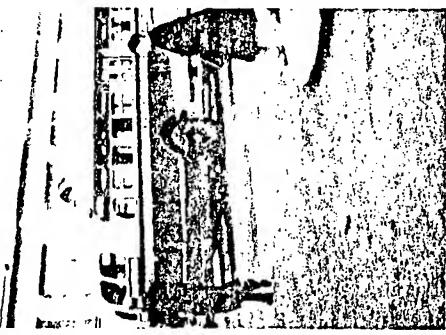
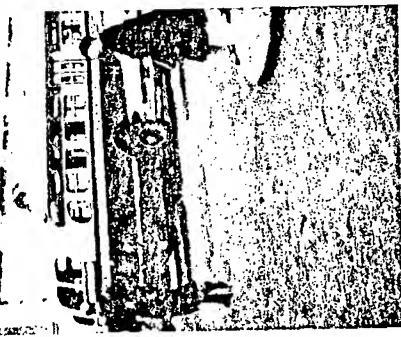
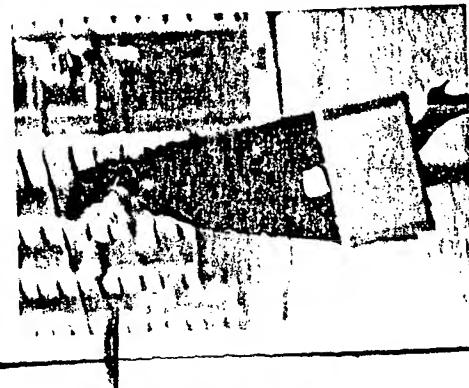


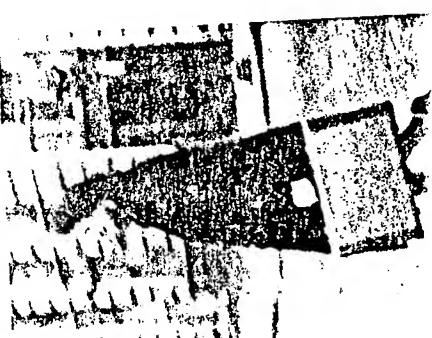
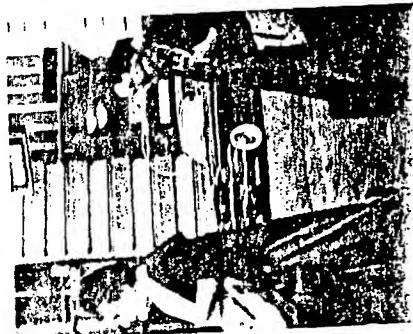




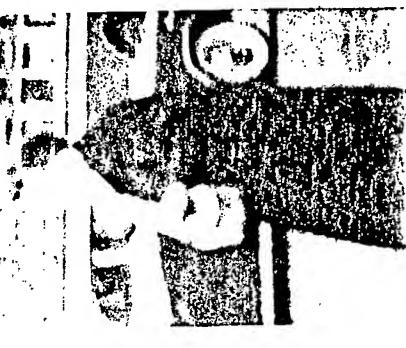
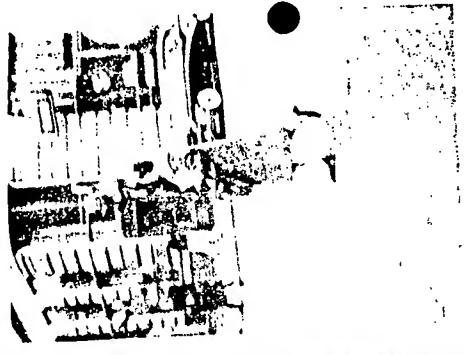












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WASHINGTON, D.C., Nov. 21--An appeal to President Eisenhower to free imprisoned scientist Morton Sobell before leaving office was announced today by spokesmen for 1200 clergymen of different faiths who have joined in the request.

The appeal to the President, signed by many of America's most eminent ministers and rabbis, stated:

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The appeal was made public by a delegation of representative clergymen who had come to Washington to speak with government officials about the request for action in Sobell's behalf. It had been initiated on the West Coast by Reverend Peter McCormack of San Francisco and other California clergymen.

Reverend McCormack, a Presbyterian minister for more than 50 years, was Protestant Chaplain at Alcatraz during Morton Sobell's imprisonment there, and became convinced of his innocence. He has since been seeking to arouse the conscience of the country to obtain Morton Sobell's release.

During the past weekend a National Appeal for Freedom was held in Sobell's behalf in Washington. It featured an exhibit on the Sobell case at the Hotel Shoreham, a banquet addressed by nationally known speakers, a prayer at the White House on Sunday, and a panel discussion on facts and issues concerning the much-discussed imprisonment of Sobell.

The Washington weekend program was sponsored by such nationally known individuals as Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr and Dr. John C. Bennett of the Union Theological Seminary in New York; Roger Baldwin, Chairman of the International League for the Rights of Man; Norman Thomas; and Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Last week another independent appeal--one by 600 educators, lawyers, writers and other Americans--was made public. Asking the President to free Sobell were such individuals as Clarence Pickett of the American Friends Service Committee; Harold Crandall, attorney and general counsel for the International Union, United Auto Workers; author James T. Farrell; Dr. Harold C. Urey, Nobel Prize scientist, and Alexander Meiklejohn, civil libertarian.

Morton Sobell is now at the Atlanta Federal prison enduring the 11th year of his 30-year sentence. Last week David Greenglass, who had pleaded guilty to charges of conspiracy to commit espionage, was released from prison after serving 10 years. Many who have studied the record have criticized the 30-year sentence imposed against Sobell as being far out of proportion to sentences given to such persons as Greenglass; Klaus Fuchs and Allan Nunn May in England, and to Francis Powers in the recent U-2 episode.

A special inquiry into the Sobell case was made by an independent group that included Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, and Professor Edmond Cahn of the New York University Law School. The group called the case against Sobell "vague in content and slender in proof," and recommended a commutation of sentence.

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"Very respectfully yours"

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EXHIBIT:

Specially assembled National Exhibition
"Americans Appeal for Morton Sobell"
The visual impact of democracy in action
Open to public Friday, November 18, through Sunday,
November 20 11 A. M. to 9 P. M.

RECEPTION

Gathering of visitors and honored guests
The Hotel Shoreham, Bird Cage Walk
Saturday, November 19, 5:30 P. M.

SOBELL FREEDOM BANQUET

The Hotel Shoreham, West Ballroom
Saturday, November 19, 7 P. M.

Invited by Rev. Nielsen G. Pierce,
Palisades Community Church, Washington, D. C.
Honored Speakers:

Burns Chalmers - of the American Friends Service
Committee, Washington, D. C.
Harold A. Cranefield - Attorney, Detroit, Mich.
Rev. John Paul Jones - Ashfield, Mass.
Mrs. Morton Sobell
Rabbi Jacob J. Weisztein - National Chairman of the
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Gerhard Van Arkel - Attorney, Washington, D. C.

PANEL

"Facts and Issues in the Sobell Case"
Prof. Thomas Emerson, Yale Law School
"Further Support for Morton Sobell's Release"
Group Discussion

The Hotel Shoreham, West Ballroom
Sunday, November 20, 2 P. M.

WHITE HOUSE PRAYER

A sudden prayer for Morton Sobell's freedom
At the White House Sunday, November 20, 2 P. M.
Led by Rev. Alva Tompkins,
First Presbyterian Church, Chicago, Ill.

DELEGATIONS

A day of visiting government representatives on behalf
of Morton Sobell's release Monday, November 21

Reservations for the banquet may be made at ten dollars per plate
There is no admission charge for other events

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APPEAL TO PRESIDENT EISENHOWER BY 1,000 CLERGYMEN OF DIFFERENT FAITHS

I am opposed to the continued imprisonment of Morton Sobell. I believe that the sentence was too severe for the offense, dictated by the hysteria of the cold war spy charges.

ROGER BALDWIN, Chairman
International League for the Rights of Man

"The more I studied, the more convinced I became of the man's innocence. To me no cry has had such merit to it as the cry for justice for Morton Sobell."

REVEREND PETER McCORMACK
Protestant chaplain at Alcatraz while
Morton Sobell was imprisoned there

"A number of eminent American jurists and clergymen have raised questions as to whether Morton Sobell was guilty of the crimes for which he was convicted and as to whether, if guilty, he has not already been sufficiently punished. The Central Conference of American Rabbis, therefore, respectfully urges the President of the United States to review the case, to determine whether there are sufficient grounds either to recommend a new trial or to exercise executive clemency."

RESOLUTION of the 1960 Convention
of the Central Conference of American
Rabbis, Detroit, Mich.

"This case demonstrates a peculiarly twisted idea of justice. Suppose Mr. Sobell were guilty as charged. What kind of justice is it that gives him a 30 years sentence, six years in Alcatraz, and still refuses to consider any kind of reduction?"

NORMAN THOMAS

"Morton Sobell is serving his 10th year in prison. He has steadfastly proclaimed his innocence throughout his imprisonment. Many eminent Americans and other world figures, including jurists, scientists, clergymen have also expressed substantial doubt as to his guilt. There does exist the possibility of human error in matters of judgment when that judgment has been subjected to the political tensions of the day. The California Democratic Council has traditionally expressed concern for possible infringements upon justice and civil liberty. The CDC calls upon the President of the United States to review again the facts in the Sobell case and take necessary action to secure ultimate justice."

RESOLUTION passed by California
Democratic Council meeting attended
by 3,000 delegates

"I am astounded at how little there was about Sobell in the trial. You cannot tell what he is even supposed to have done."

DR. HAROLD C. UREY
Nobel Prize scientist

"We concur in the plea for Morton Sobell's freedom, and call upon our fellow citizens to help. It is urgent that the voice of the public be heard in Washington during the coming months to encourage Sobell's release during the traditional Christmas amnesty season."

from an appeal by

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"I am not trained in the law but I have attempted to study the background. This effort convinced me that Morton Sobell did not receive a fair and adequate trial. I have corresponded with the President and have urged him to consent to a new trial. Although I have been unsuccessful, I am even more convinced that a new trial is essential to the maintenance of American standards of justice. I make no reference to innocence or guilt; I make no pleas for clemency or mercy. In asking or demanding that impartial justice be rendered to one man regardless of cordial or otherwise of the fact that I am an anti-communist.

U.S. Congressman WILLIAM MILLS
Statement

Concerning the innocence of Morton Sobell, now imprisoned for more than eight years and condemned to a thirty year sentence on charges which to many legal authorities appear flimsy, to say the least, we the undersigned of independent political views and in the interest of justice and humanity only, beg you to exercise your Presidential prerogative of clemency and return Morton Sobell to his family."

LORD BERTRAND RUSSELL, England
DR. MARTIN BUBER, Israel

"We agree with the jury that Sobell -- who protests his innocence -- was guilty of espionage beyond a reasonable doubt. But we think that ten years is ample sentence for what Sobell actually did and that -- in view of the fact that he was released -- in view of the fact that atomic espionage was never alleged against him, and that the sole witness testified merely to unsuccessful attempts to procure information, we think that Sobell should now be released from prison."

NATHAN GLAZER, SIDNEY HOOK,
IRVING KRISTOL, RITCHIE MACDONALD
in a letter to the New York Times

Historical Society, convention at Portland, Oregon, on civil rights and human rights. Some 2000 Law professors from past the University of Chicago, New York University and other leading institutions have asked for Morton Sobell's freedom. The Central Labor Union Council of Minneapolis, representing 100,000 workers, calls for a new trial. The Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators, Paperhangers, Local #7, Cleveland, asks President Eisenhower "to take necessary action to secure ultimate justice."

"Undoubtedly, the atmosphere (McCarthyism) has cleared and one evidence is a re-examination of conscience. Last year the Portland Oregonian suggested in an editorial that some day the public conscience might be sufficiently stirred to determine whether Morton Sobell, now serving a 30-year sentence for conspiracy, was convicted of a crime or whether he was a victim of the emotionalism surrounding the Rosenberg case. With the clearing atmosphere, there is a growing realization that freedom is not something we periodically pat ourselves on the back about. It is a creative act to be constantly renewed."

MARQUIS CHILDS, in his nationally syndicated column

STATEMENT BY DISTINGUISHED THEOLOGIANS AND LAW PROFESSORS
AFTER INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO THE FACTS IN THE SOBELL CASE

THE UNDERSIGNED are American citizens who believe that the sentence of Morton Sobell should now be commuted. Sobell was convicted of conspiring with others to transmit to the Soviet Union writings and information relating to the national defense of the United States and was sentenced on April 5, 1951 to serve thirty years in Federal Prison.

Morton Sobell was tried with Julius and Ethel Rosenberg who were convicted of espionage in connection with the atomic bomb and who were sentenced to death and later executed. Sobell, however, was never implicated in any way with involvement in the atomic espionage for which the Rosenbergs were convicted. This fact was confirmed by the judge who sentenced Sobell.

This statement is not concerned with the Rosenberg conviction. The undersigned are and consistently have been convinced anti-Communists. None are associated with any organization, committee or group of any kind concerned either with the case of the Rosenbergs or that of Sobell, nor are any of the undersigned connected in any way with Morton Sobell or any members of his family. After study of the case, we believe that the following considerations warrant a commutation of the very heavy sentence Sobell is now serving.

1. Sobell was never implicated with atomic espionage for which the Rosenbergs were convicted.
2. The charges against Sobell, supported mainly by the testimony of one man, Max Elitcher, were that he had solicited information, and had on one occasion taken something which looked like a can of film to Julius Rosenberg. No specific item of information supposed to have been secured by him or transmitted by him to anyone else is specified in the record. The case against him, therefore, is vague in content and slender in proof. The possibility that a trip to Mexico which he and his family took should be construed as flight cannot be ignored, though it is subject to various interpretations.

3. Whether or not the judge and prosecution made sufficient efforts to provide a fair trial, we ought to recognize that the emotions surrounding the trial of the Rosenbergs and the fact that Sobell's case was tried with theirs made it difficult to separate the two cases and to recognize the very different character of the two charges and the evidence introduced to support them respectively.

4. Sobell has already served, with good conduct, nearly eight years in prison, six of them in Alcatraz.

5. As Americans we are fully aware of the threat of communism to our freedom and way of life. Any attack on that freedom from without or within must be resisted. Nevertheless, one of the factors which makes that freedom so precious is its capacity to practice a disciplined and humane administration of justice precisely in those cases where emotions are aroused which make it difficult to remain objective about the merits of a specific case. We believe a commutation of the Sobell sentence would demonstrate our national faith in that freedom.

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Dear Editor:

If you agree that the following is a fair recommendation in the Morton Sobell case, will you publish this editorial or a similar one in your publication?

Authorities cited in the editorial are quoted more fully in the brochure announcing the national appeal in Washington.

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One of the qualities in which our democracy justifiably takes pride is our concern for the individual. It is not surprising that when a cry is raised of a possible injustice to a fellow American, the national conscience is affected.

A number of distinguished individuals and organizations are raising questions concerning the trial and 30-year sentence of Morton Sobell on a charge of conspiracy to commit espionage. Sobell, you will recall, was in the same trial with Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, although he was not accused of atomic espionage. He has throughout his imprisonment, now in his 11th year, maintained his innocence, and the Rev. Peter McCormack, who was the Protestant chaplain at Alcatraz while Sobell was held there, believes Sobell.

We are impressed by the fact that those appealing in Sobell's behalf include individuals and groups who in no way could be labeled Communist. For example, a study of the record was made by a group including one of the most distinguished theologians in America, Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, and leading law professor Edmund Cahn of New York University. They found the evidence against Sobell "vague in content and slender in proof."

Roger Baldwin, who has guarded our civil liberties for many decades, calls the 30-year sentence far too severe. One thousand ministers and rabbis have appealed to President Eisenhower, and the 1960 national convention of the Conference of American Rabbis adopted a resolution asking a review of the facts. It is significant to note that an educator with the meticulous standards of Professor Sidney Hook, who assumes Sobell guilty of the charge, recommends his release and points out that the sole witness against Sobell merely testified to unsuccessful attempts to procure information.

Whatever the differing points of view about various aspects of this affair, there is a widespread unity of opinion that the 10 years Sobell has endured in prison, including nearly six in Alcatraz, is more than enough punishment.

It is difficult to see how Sobell's further prolonged imprisonment at public expense can at this point serve the national security. On November 19, 20 and 21 a national appeal is taking place in Washington, D.C., to urge a Presidential commutation of sentence for Morton Sobell during the traditional Christmas amnesty period. We believe this request should be given the utmost consideration.

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Appeal by 1,000 Ministers and Rabbis to be Presented

Clergymen from throughout the country are among the noted Americans sponsoring a national gathering to be held in Washington, D.C., from Nov. 19-21 to climax widespread appeals for the President to free Morton Sobell from prison.

Representative speakers from Washington and other cities will address a banquet at the Hotel Shoreham in Washington on Saturday, Nov. 19, to urge a commutation of sentence for Sobell, now in the 11th year of a 30-year sentence on the charge of "conspiracy to commit espionage." Tried together with the Rosenbergs in 1951, Sobell has steadfastly maintained his innocence.

Participants in the Washington events have expressed diverse views on the case, but are united in agreement that the sentence was far too severe and should now be reduced to the time served. They are requesting a Presidential commutation during the traditional Christmas amnesty season. An appeal to the President by more than 1,000 rabbis and ministers from throughout the United States is scheduled to be presented.

Among those listed as sponsors with such eminent individuals as Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr and Dr. John C. Bennett of the Union Theological Seminary, Roger Baldwin, chairman of the International League for the Rights of Man, Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Norman Thomas, are the following:

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The Sobell freedom banquet at the Hotel Shoreham will be addressed by Rev. John Paul Jones of Ashfield, Mass. and Rabbi Jacob J. Weinstein of Chicago, with an invocation by Rev. Nelson C. Pierce of the Palisades Community Church in Washington. Other speakers will include attorneys Harold Cranefield of Detroit, General Counsel of the International Union, United Auto Workers;

and Gerhard Van Arkel of Washington; Burns Chalmers of the American Friends Service Committee, and Mrs. Morton Sobell. The speakers will be appearing as individuals and not as representatives of the organizations with which they are affiliated.

The appeal in behalf of Morton Sobell will also feature a national exhibit presenting the visual impact of appeals in his behalf, a panel discussion on the facts and issues in the case led by Prof. Thomas I. Emerson of the Yale Law School, and a sundown prayer at the White House led by Rev. Alva Tompkins of the Olivet Presbyterian Church in Chicago.

An independent inquiry into the facts in the Sobell case was made by a group that included Dr. Niebuhr, Dr. Bennett, Dr. Daniel Day Williams of the Union Theological Seminary; Dr. Paul Ramsey of Princeton University; Jerome Nathanson of the New York Ethical Culture Society, and law professors Edmond Cahn and Gerhard O. W. Mueller of New York University. The statement based on their findings held that the case against Sobell was "vague in content and slender in proof." They pointed out that Sobell was not accused of any connection with atomic espionage, and that his conviction and sentence were undoubtedly affected by the emotions surrounding the Rosenberg trial.

Morton Sobell is now in the Atlanta federal prison. He was held in Alcatraz for nearly six years. During his Alcatraz incarceration, the Rev. Peter McCormack, the Protestant prison chaplain at that time, became convinced of Sobell's innocence and has been fighting for his release.

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In Two Appeals for Morton Sobell

Public Meeting in Philadelphia

To Discuss Case on Sunday

Editors: Note enclosed appeals and listings
of names of Pennsylvania signers

Mrs. Morton Sobell announced today that 79 Pennsylvanians including many educators had signed an appeal to President Eisenhower in behalf of her husband, and that 44 clergymen from Pennsylvania were among the 1500 clergymen from throughout the United States asking for her husband's release.

Mrs. Sobell, who has been fighting to prove innocence of Morton Sobell on conspiracy to commit espionage charges and obtain his release, said she would be in Philadelphia on Sunday to address a gathering of persons interested in learning about or helping with her husband's case.

The meeting will take place at 2 P.M. on Sunday, Dec. 18, in the Christian Association auditorium at the University of Pennsylvania. A featured event will be the showing of a national exhibition on the Sobell case which was presented at a three-day gathering recently held in Washington, D.C. under sponsorship of eminent Americans. Admission is free.

Morton Sobell is in the 11th year of a 30-year sentence imposed in the Rosenberg trial. He is at the federal prison in Atlanta, Georgia, to which he was transferred after having spent more than five years in Alcatraz.

A study of his case by an independent group that included Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr of the Union Theological Seminary in New York and Professor Edmund Cahn of the New York University Law School, has called the case against Sobell "vague in content and slender in proof," and recommended a commutation of sentence to time served.

Among the nationally known individuals who have urged Morton Sobell's release are Clarence Pickett of the American Friends Service Committee; author James T. Farrell; Roger Baldwin, chairman of the International League for the Rights of Man; Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.; Norman Thomas; Rev. Peter McCormack, protestant chaplain at Alcatraz during Morton Sobell's imprisonment there; Rabbi Maurice Eisendrath, and Rabbi Israel Goldstein.

Reasons advanced for action in Sobell's behalf include pleas that the sentence was out of proportion to evidence presented at the trial, that the trial could not have been fair in the atmosphere that prevailed, that Sobell should have been tried separately from the Rosenbergs since he was not accused of any connection with the atomic bomb project, or that he is in fact innocent as he has maintained throughout his ordeal.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1960

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"...one single living human being..."

In mid-November, in Washington, D. C., from across this country, leaders in the fields of religion, of science, of education, of law -- met to call for the immediate release of Morton Sobell.

This national assembly mirrored a decade of the most determined daily struggle of a family for freedom. It presented a tremendous tribute to truth, for the American people have listened to the word "innocent" and do care about guarding those precious principles that make life most worth living.

Today, no expression is more important than yours in joining others throughout our nation to extend the effort put forth here. This is the traditional Amnesty period -- it is your support that will bring to Washington our vital demand for freedom for Morton Sobell.

An innocent man can be any one single living human being. His freedom belongs to all of us.

'...The strange picture of human beings in the middle of the 20th Century...willing to devote time and energy and effort to consider the fate of one single living human being. If we should ever lose this ability to be concerned...then whatever else we gain, we have indeed lost...'.

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THE NEW YORK TIMES NOVEMBER 22, 1960.

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By PETER BRAESTRUP
Special to The New York Times.

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Professor Emerson cited the less-severe sentence given to David Greenglass, a key prosecution witness in the Rosenberg trial. Greenglass was released Wednesday after serving nine and one-half years of a fifteen-year sentence.

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Wednesday, Nov. 23, 1960
The Atlanta Journal

Wife Visits Sobell Her Friends Rally In Washington To Free Sobell

By MIKE EDWARDS

Mrs. Morton Sobell, in Atlanta to visit her prisoner-husband at the Federal Penitentiary, said Wednesday she hopes appeals made in Washington for Sobell's release will cause President Eisenhower to grant him "a Christmas miracle."

Sobell, serving a 30-year sentence on a charge of conspiring with Julius and Ethel Rosenberg to steal atomic secrets for Russia, also is hopeful, she said. But, she added:

"We never can permit our

country to be terribly much dis-

tinguished during

"I was surprised," she said yesterday, "that his wife and children weren't there to meet him."

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That is about as bitter as Mrs. Sobell ever gets.

For 10 years she and her mother-in-law have traveled around the country collecting money and support for her husband's cause. They collect \$20,000 a year, and spend \$30,000 a year.

They collect it from bake sales, benefit shows, dinners and such and they spend it on pamphlets, books, appeals and peaceful demonstrations.

Mrs. Sobell says her husband was innocent of any intent to spy on the United States. Her mother-in-law, Mrs. Rose Sobell, says the same.

SUPPORT IS MIXED

They have enlisted a lot of supporters and a lot of these say they don't know. Some say maybe Morton Sobell was a spy, but the trial didn't prove it. Some say he was fairly convicted, but that his sentence is too harsh.

The Sobell ladies are glad to get help of any hue.

They have enlisted 1200 clergymen in their fight for a commutation of sentence.

Tonight and tomorrow at the Sheraton Hotel some of the clergymen, the Rev. Neil C. Pierce, of Palisades Community Church, the Rev. John H. Jones of Ashfield, Mass., and the Rev. Alva Torkington, of Chicago, will speak on Morton Sobell's behalf.

ADMANT

Mrs. Rose Sobell, his mother, is a sturdy, grey-haired woman with an air of indistructibility. Mrs. Morton Sobell, the wife, sits liver at lunch almost everyday on the theory that it is the healthiest thing she can eat.

For 10 years she has worked only for one thing. They hope their cause is near a climax but if it is not they seem prepared to keep working for the next 22

NEW YORK POST,
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1960

THE SUN, BALTIMORE,
NOVEMBER 22, 1960

CLERGY BACK
SOBELL PLEA

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Washington, Nov. 18 (AP)—

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Speaks for

MORTON SOBELL

"I am astounded at how little there was about Sobell in the trial. You cannot tell what he is even supposed to have done."

DR. HAROLD C. UREY
Nobel Prize scientist

"Morton Sobell is serving his 10th year in prison. He has steadfastly proclaimed his innocence throughout his imprisonment. Many eminent Americans and other world figures, including jurists, scientists, clergymen have also expressed substantial doubt as to his guilt. There does exist the possibility of human error in matters of judgment when that judgment has been subjected to the political tensions of the day. The California Democratic Council has traditionally expressed concern for possible infringements upon justice and civil liberty. The CDC calls upon the President of the United States to review again the facts in the Sobell case and take necessary action to secure ultimate justice."

RESOLUTION passed by California Democratic Council meeting attended by 3,000 delegates

"Convinced of the innocence of Morton Sobell, now imprisoned for more than eight years and condemned to a thirty year sentence on charges which to many legal authorities appear flimsy, to say the least, we the undersigned of independent political views and in the interest of justice and humanity only, beg you to exercise your Presidential prerogative of clemency and return Morton Sobell to his family."

LORD BERTRAND RUSSELL, England



An Appeal by
JAMES T. FARRELL

EMINENT AMERICAN AUTHOR

I have the great fear and the sick feeling that an innocent man is in prison. I have the conviction that the release of Morton Sobell can only do good, and not harm. Everything I have so far learned about him supports my conviction and I think it seems to me but mere minimum justice now, to restore him to life and to the kind and decent family which loves him.

In 1960, we must speak, and with all urgency. We must cry out, we must demand that no possible instance of "man's inhumanity to man" be tolerated. It is our duty and our honor that we spare no effort for the protection of the innocent, and that in any case of injustice the quickest possible action be taken to rectify this most terrible of evils. Unless justice and compassion and Walt Whitman's love be as normal as our daily life we are sunken far below all of the general principles which proclaim the freedom of man...

"A number of eminent American jurists and clergymen have raised questions as to whether Morton Sobell was guilty of the crimes for which he was convicted and as to whether, if guilty, he has not already been sufficiently punished. The Central Conference of American Rabbis, therefore, respectfully urges the President of the United States to review the case, to determine whether there are sufficient grounds either to recommend a new trial or to exercise executive clemency."

RESOLUTION of the 1960 Convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, Detroit, Mich.

"We agree with the jury that Sobell -- who protests his innocence -- was guilty of espionage beyond a reasonable doubt. But we think that ten years is ample sentence for what Sobell actually did and that, having served the term, he should now be released... In view of the fact that no atomic espionage was even alleged against him, and that the sole witness testified merely to unsuccessful attempts to procure information, we think that Sobell should now be released from prison."

NATHAN GLAZER, SIDNEY HOOK
IRVING KRISTOL, DWIGHT MACDONALD

It is for us to remember and to preserve all of the noble work of those who have gone, but who have given of their brain, bone and muscle, their blood, to the creation of the dignity of man. It is for us to defend and preserve and to extend that dignity, and when we ourselves are anonymous dust, to leave our memory in future for those who will redeem the injustices of the centuries

Let us now begin to say and to make real with all our power that justice is a new-born idea. I ask for and I clasp hands with you in calling for the freedom of Morton Sobell.

STATEMENT

BY DISTINGUISHED THEOLOGIANS AND LAW PROFESSORS AFTER
INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO THE FACTS IN THE SOBELL CASE

Dear Friend:

As Morton Sobell's mother and wife, we ask with all our hearts that you help us.

Our family ordeal has lasted more than 10 years. But our hopes are high because of the mounting appeals by thousands upon thousands of Americans.

We have an unshakable faith that if the public continues to speak out, Morton's freedom will become a reality. Your simple act of writing a letter to our President will let him know that the American people want to see Morton freed.

Please write today to:
The President of
the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

We thank you for acting in the cause of justice and humanity.

Sincerely yours,

Rose Sobell
Mrs. Rose Sobell

Helen Sobell
Mrs. Morton Sobell

Co-Chairmen
Committee to Secure Justice
for Morton Sobell

THE UNDERSIGNED are American citizens who believe that the sentence of Morton Sobell should now be commuted. Sobell was convicted of conspiring with others to transmit to the Soviet Union writings and information relating to the national defense of the United States and was sentenced on April 5, 1951 to serve thirty years in Federal Prison.

Morton Sobell was tried with Julius and Ethel Rosenberg who were convicted of espionage in connection with the atomic bomb and who were sentenced to death and later executed. Sobell, however, was never implicated in any way with involvement in the atomic espionage for which the Rosenbergs were convicted. This fact was confirmed by the judge who sentenced Sobell.

This statement is not concerned with the Rosenberg conviction. The undersigned are and consistently have been convinced anti-Communists. None are associated with any organization, committee or group of any kind concerned either with the case of the Rosenbergs or that of Sobell, nor are any of the undersigned connected in any way with Morton Sobell or any members of his family. After study of the case, we believe that the following considerations warrant a commutation of the very heavy sentence Sobell is now serving.

1. Sobell was never implicated with atomic espionage for which the Rosenbergs were convicted.

2. The charges against Sobell, supported mainly by the testimony of one man, Max Elitcher, were that he had solicited information, and had on one occasion taken something which looked like a can of film to Julius Rosenberg. No specific item of information supposed to have been secured by him or transmitted by him to anyone else is specified in the record. The case against him, therefore, is vague in content and slender in proof. The possibility that a trip to Mexico which he and his family took should be construed as flight cannot be ignored, though it is subject to various interpretations.

3. Whether or not the judge and prosecution made sufficient efforts to provide a fair trial, we ought to recognize that the emotions surrounding the trial of the Rosenbergs and the fact that Sobell's case was tried with theirs made it difficult to separate the two cases and to recognize the very different character of the two charges and the evidence introduced to support them respectively.

4. Sobell has already served, with good conduct, nearly eight years in prison, six of them in Alcatraz.

5. As Americans we are fully aware of the threat of communism to our freedom and way of life. Any attack on that freedom from without or within must be resisted. Nevertheless, one of the factors which makes that freedom so precious is its capacity to practice a disciplined and humane administration of justice precisely in those cases where emotions are aroused which make it difficult to remain objective about the merits of a specific case. We believe a commutation of the Sobell sentence would demonstrate our national faith in that freedom.

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December 29, 1960

Mrs. Morton Sobell
Mrs. Ruth Sobell
Chairwoman

Dear Friend,

The next New York Committee meeting will be held on

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1961

at 7 P.M.

COMMITTEE OFFICE, 940 BROADWAY

Our very good friends, Jennie and Ben Ratner, whose devotion and most active participation in the fight to free Morton are known to you, are leaving our city and this will be the last meeting they will be attending in New York. Please join us on Wednesday to help plan and make arrangements for the Testimonial we are giving to Jennie and Ben on January the 21st.

We are sure you will want to be with us and we are looking forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

Evelyn Harap

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NEW YORK SOBELL COMMITTEE

We urgently need clothing, kitchen utensils, etc. in our THRIFT SHOP. Please look through your closets and kitchen cabinets and donate whatever you can spare. If you cannot deliver yourself, please call AL 4-9983 and pick-ups will be made immediately. We also need volunteer help in the store. Please call us.

We wish you a happy New Year!

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You are cordially invited to attend the
Farewell Testimonial
for

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Saturday Eve, January 21st, 1961, 8:30 p. m.
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Near 125th St., New York

Auspices, N. Y. Sobell Com.

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MRS. MORTON SOBELL

30 Charlton Street

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January 6, 1961

Dear Atlanta Clergyman:

I hope you will read the enclosed information regarding the case of my husband, Morton Sobell. As you will see by the statement made by a group of theologians and lawyers, headed by Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr and Law Professor Edmond Cahn, there is great interest in securing a commutation of the 30-year sentence of my husband.

I hope you will want to join with the almost 2000 clergymen who have asked for freedom or a new trial. In doing so, you will be acting in the interest of justice, for my husband is truly an innocent man who should never have been imprisoned.

Our family waits for the day when we will be together after these 10 long years of imprisonment for our beloved one.

Please read and act as your conscience directs you to do. I hopefully await your positive reply. Please let me hear from you.

Very sincerely yours,

Helen Sobell
(Mrs. Morton Sobell)

VOICES OF CONCERN

In addition to articles and book reviews in various law journals which noted study of the case of Morton Sobell, each indicating that Sobell did not receive justice (to which Ferry S. Martin refers in the article quoted below), clergymen and many religious publications have expressed deep concern in articles and editorials about the case of Morton Sobell. Such publications include CHRISTIAN CENTURY, CHRISTIANITY AND CRISIS, CATHOLIC WORKER, INTERCOLLEGIAN (National Student publication of YM-YWCA), UNITARIAN REGISTER, SOCIAL QUESTIONS BULLETIN (Methodist Federation for Social Action), BULLETIN, DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY (National Council of Churches), and LUTHERAN COMPANION. Here is an article which appeared in the Christmas 1960 issue of NEW-CHURCH MESSENGER:

THE SORELL CASE

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Throughout his imprisonment Sobell has steadfastly proclaimed his innocence. Thirty years is a lifetime sentence that his family share with him. During this time his mother and wife have worked unceasingly to obtain his freedom.

Why should we be concerned about the freedom of this one man? When our country becomes indifferent to the freedom of one individual, the freedom of all is jeopardized. Every person is precious in the Lord's sight and we are doing his will when we defend the freedom and seek justice for our brother man. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

-PERRY S. MARTIN

Secular publications have also concerned themselves. The NATION, Nov. 12, 1960, carried an article by New York Law School Professor William Kunstler, calling for freedom for Sobell. The NEW REPUBLIC urged the President to grant freedom to Sobell in an editorial on Dec. 5, 1960, and this was followed by an editorial in THE PROGRESSIVE in the January 1961 issue, also urging freedom.

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This week David Greenglass walked out of prison free.

Morton Sobell is still in Atlanta, with 22 years more to serve.

Mrs. Sobell, a small, plumpish, pleasant woman is not, by the nature of things, an admirer of David Greenglass.

Wednesday, Nov. 23, 1960

The Atlanta Journal

Wife Visits Sobell Her Hopes Ike Will Free Him

By MIKE EDWARDS

Mrs. Morton Sobell, in Atlanta to visit her prisoner husband at the Federal Penitentiary, said Wednesday she hopes Appeals made in Washington for Sobell's release will cause President Eisenhower to grant him a "Christmas present" . . . a Christmas parole. Sobell, serving a 30-year sentence on a charge of conspiring with Julius and Ethel Rosenberg to steal atomic secrets for Russia, is hopeful, she said. But,

"I was surprised," she said yesterday, "that his wife and children weren't there to meet him."

BLAND

That is about as bitter as Mrs. Sobell ever gets.

For 10 years she and her mother-in-law have traveled around the country collecting money and support for her husband's cause. They collect and spend \$50,000 a year.

They collect it from bake sales, benefit shows, dinners and suppers and they spend it on pamphlets, books, appeals and peaceful demonstrations.

Mrs. Sobell says her husband was innocent of any intent ever to spy on the United States. He's a "patriot," she says. The Mis. Rose Sobell, says the same.

SUPPORT IS MIXED

They have enlisted a lot of people to help them. Some say they don't know. Some say they do. Some say they don't care. Morton Sobell, however, is a spy but the fact he didn't prove it. Some say he was fairly convicted, but that his family convinced him he was too harsh.

The Sobell ladies are glad to get help of any hue.

They have enlisted 1200 clergymen in their fight for a commutation of sentence.

Tonight and tomorrow at the Shoreham Hotel some of the clergymen, Dr. Nelson C. Pierce, of Palisades Community Church here, the Rev. Dr. Paul Jones, of Ashland, Mass., and the Rev. Alva Lumpkins, of Chicago, will appear on Morton Sobell's behalf.

ADMANT

Mrs. Rose Sobell, his mother, is a sturdy, gray-haired woman with a fair of indestructibility. Mrs. Morton Sobell's wife, eats liver at lunch almost everyday on the theory that it is the healthiest thing she can eat. For 10 years they have worked only for one thing.

They hope their cause is near a climax but if it is not they seem prepared to keep working for the next 22 years.

NEW YORK POST, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1960

Friends Rally In Washington To Free Sobell

Washington, Nov. 18 (AP)—People who insist that Morton Sobell is innocent of the spy charges on which he was convicted or that he had an unfair trial met here today to plan for his freedom.

THE COURIER-JOURNAL, LOUISVILLE, KY.: A sentence MONDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 21, 1960

White House March Seeks Sobell Release

By The Associated Press

Conscience

"Undoubtedly, the atmosphere (McCarthyism) has cleared and one evidence is a re-examination of conscience. Last year the Portland Oregonian suggested in an editorial that some day the public conscience might be sufficiently stirred to determine whether Morton Sobell, now serving a 30-year sentence for conspiracy, was convicted of a crime or whether he was a victim of the emotionalism surrounding the Rosenberg case. With the clearing atmosphere, there is a growing realization that freedom is not something we periodically pat ourselves on the back about. It is a creative act to be constantly renewed."

MARQUIS CHILDS, in his nationally syndicated column

"I join in protesting the continued imprisonment of Morton Sobell... I have become wholly convinced from a rather intensive study of the matter that this is another of those cases in which justice miscarried for reasons that are not amenable to judicial correction."

HAROLD A. CRANEFIELD, Labor Attorney, Detroit, Mich.

THE SUN, BALTIMORE, NOVEMBER 22, 1960

CLERGY BACK SOBELL PLEA

2 In State Ur Petition For Spy-Case Clemency

Fifty-two Marylanders, including some prominent atomic scientists, will urge President Eisenhower to grant her husband executive clemency. The petitions were presented to the White House last week.

If his time in custody is not counted, Sobell said, his husband probably would be eligible for consideration in April. He has been in prison for 10 years from the time the trial met here today to plan for his freedom.

"I am opposed to the continued imprisonment of Morton Sobell on the ground that the sentence was far too excessive for the offense, dictated by the hysteria then surrounding spy charges."

ROGER BALDWIN, Chairman International League for the Rights of Man

"The more I studied, the more convinced I became of the man's innocence. To me no cry has had such merit to it as the cry for justice for Morton Sobell."

REVEREND PETER MCGORMACK Protestant chaplain at Alcatraz while Morton Sobell was imprisoned there

"This case demonstrates a peculiarly twisted idea of justice. Suppose Mr. Sobell were guilty as charged. What kind of justice is it that gives him 30 years sentence, six years in Alcatraz, and still refuses to consider any kind of reduction?"

NOP MAN THOMAS

Speaks for MORTON SOBELL

"I am astounded at how little there was about Sobell in the trial. You cannot tell what he is even supposed to have done."
DR. HAROLD C. UREY
Nobel Prize scientist

"Morton Sobell is serving his 10th year in prison. He has steadfastly proclaimed his innocence throughout his imprisonment. Many eminent Americans and other world figures, including jurists, scientists, clergymen have also expressed substantial doubt as to his guilt. There does exist the possibility of human error in matters of judgment when that judgment has been subjected to the political tensions of the day. The California Democratic Council has traditionally expressed concern for possible infringements upon justice and civil liberty. The CDC calls upon the President of the United States to review again the facts in the Sobell case and take necessary action to secure ultimate justice."

RESOLUTION passed by California Democratic Council meeting attended by 3,000 delegates

"Convinced of the innocence of Morton Sobell, now imprisoned for more than eight years and condemned to a thirty year sentence on charges which to many legal authorities appear flimsy, to say the least, we the undersigned of independent political views and in the interest of justice and humanity only, beg you to exercise your Presidential prerogative of clemency and return Morton Sobell to his family."



"A number of eminent American jurists and clergymen have raised questions as to whether Morton Sobell was guilty of the crimes for which he was convicted and as to whether, if guilty, he has not already been sufficiently punished. The Central Conference of American Rabbis, therefore, respectfully urges the President of the United States to review the case, to determine whether there are sufficient grounds either to recommend a new trial or to exercise executive clemency."

RESOLUTION of the 1960 Convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, Detroit, Mich.

"We agree with the jury that Sobell -- who protests his innocence -- was guilty of espionage beyond a reasonable doubt. But we think that ten years is ample sentence for what Sobell actually did and that, having served the term, he should now be released.... In view of the fact that no atomic espionage was even alleged against him, and that the sole witness testified merely to unsuccessful attempts to procure information, we think that Sobell should merely be released from prison."

NATHAN GLAZER, SIDNEY HOOK
JOHN KRISTENSEN, ROBERT MACDONALD

An Appeal by
JAMES T. FARRELL

EMINENT AMERICAN AUTHOR

I have the great fear and the sick feeling that an innocent man is in prison. I have the conviction that the release of Morton Sobell can only do good, and not harm. Everything I have so far learned about him supports my conviction and I think it seems to me but mere minimum justice now, to restore him to life and to the kind and decent family which loves him.

In 1960, we must speak, and with all urgency. We must cry out, we must demand that no possible instance of "man's inhumanity to man" be tolerated. It is our duty and our honor that we spare no effort for the protection of the innocent, and that in any case of injustice the quickest possible action be taken to rectify this most terrible of evils. Unless justice and compassion and Walt Whitman's love be as normal as our daily life we are sunken far below all of the general principles which proclaim the freedom of man...

It is for us to remember and to preserve all of the noble work of those who have gone, but who have given of their brain, bone and muscle, their blood, to the creation of the dignity of man. It is for us to defend and preserve and to extend that dignity, and when we ourselves are anonymous dust, to leave our memory in future for those who will redeem the injustices of the centuries.

Let us now begin to say and to make real with all our power that justice is a new-born idea. I ask for and I clasp hands with you in calling

Dear Friend:

As Morton Sobell's mother and wife, we ask with all our hearts that you help us.

Our family ordeal has lasted more than 10 years. But our hopes are high because of the mounting appeals by thousands upon thousands of Americans.

We have an unshakable faith that if the public continues to speak out, Morton's freedom will become a reality. Your simple act of writing a letter to our President will let him know that the American people want to see Morton freed.

Please write today to:
The President of
the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

We thank you for acting in the cause of justice and humanity.

Sincerely yours,

Rose Sobell

Mrs. Rose Sobell

Helen Sobell

Mrs. Morton Sobell

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STATEMENT

BY DISTINGUISHED THEOLOGIANS AND LAW PROFESSORS AFTER INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO THE FACTS IN THE SOBELL CASE

THE UNDERSIGNED are American citizens who believe that the sentence of Morton Sobell should now be commuted. Sobell was convicted of conspiring with others to transmit to the Soviet Union writings and information relating to the national defense of the United States and was sentenced on April 5, 1951 to serve thirty years in Federal Prison.

Morton Sobell was tried with Julius and Ethel Rosenberg who were convicted of espionage in connection with the atomic bomb and who were sentenced to death and later executed. Sobell, however, was never implicated in any way with involvement in the atomic espionage for which the Rosenbergs were convicted. This fact was confirmed by the judge who sentenced Sobell.

This statement is not concerned with the Rosenberg conviction. The undersigned are and consistently have been convinced anti-Communists. None are associated with any organization, committee or group of any kind concerned either with the case of the Rosenbergs or that of Sobell, nor are any of the undersigned connected in any way with Morton Sobell or any members of his family. After study of the case, we believe that the following considerations warrant a commutation of the very heavy sentence Sobell is now serving.

1. Sobell was never implicated with atomic espionage for which the Rosenbergs were convicted.

2. The charges against Sobell, supported mainly by the testimony of one man, Max Elitcher, were that he had solicited information, and had on one occasion taken something which looked like a can of film to Julius Rosenberg. No specific item of information supposed to have been secured by him or transmitted by him to anyone else is specified in the record. The case against him, therefore, is vague in content and slender in proof. The possibility that a trip to Mexico which he and his family took should be construed as flight cannot be ignored, though it is subject to various interpretations.

3. Whether or not the judge and prosecution made sufficient efforts to provide a fair trial, we ought to recognize that the emotions surrounding the trial of the Rosenbergs and the fact that Sobell's case was tried with theirs made it difficult to separate the two cases and to recognize the very different character of the two charges and the evidence introduced to support them respectively.

4. Sobell has already served, with good conduct, nearly eight years in prison, six of them in Alcatraz.

5. As Americans we are fully aware of the threat of communism to our freedom and way of life. Any attack on that freedom from without or within must be resisted. Nevertheless, one of the factors which makes that freedom so precious is its capacity to practice a disciplined and humane administration of justice precisely in those cases where emotions are aroused which make it difficult to remain objective about the merits of a specific case. We believe a commutation of the Sobell sentence would demonstrate our national faith in that freedom.

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